

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-264

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(219)

1767 (mound only, now gone)

Markleysburg, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(219), a short distance due north of Gum Hill, was a "small mound of stones, with a cherry tree growing in it,"^{in 1982} and believed by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary to have marked Mason and Dixon's 194th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile English provincial boundary, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line. No trace of this mound was found during the 1981 field inspection, although a huge cherry stump matched a paced distance from the next monument west, No. ---(220). Never monumented, this site and its possible significance cannot be evaluated until resurveyed and reliably reestablished by a civil engineer.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name) *

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey No. 219)

2. Location

street & number off the east side of MD 42/LR 26067 X not for publication

city, town Markleysburg X vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 22

state Pennsylvania county MD: Garrett / PA: Fayette

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status N/A	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> X public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> X structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> X no	<u> </u> military (formerly) <u> </u> X other: <u> </u> boundary

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(small mound site, only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-264 entered 9/4/81 federal X state county local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site (believed missing)
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed (believed) missing		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ----(219)/^{is} described by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 100) as a "Small mound of stones, with a cherry tree growing in it, in fence line one mile west of No. 217, and believed to mark Mason and Dixon's 197th mile post" (194th/^{mile} from the northeast corner of Maryland)/^{and} appears to have been decimated over time, although noted in Bayliff (1959, p. 116) as having been located during the 1950 field inspection of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary markers. Until/^{the site is} resurveyed by a civil engineer, and point reestablished, it cannot be determined, on beyond the most likely prospect photographed and paced from No. ----(220) a short distance west.

The ^{sparsely settled} area here ^{and farmed} is/rolling, cleared/land, just north of Gum Hill, with woods along the slopes. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA; about .1 mile southeast of the village of Markleysburg; about 1½ miles north-northeast of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; at a point about 1400 feet east of MD 42/LR 26067; about 850 feet east of No. ----(220); now in an east-west barbed wire fenceline separating Umbel/^{cleared} fields (on south side) from Meyers partially wooded slope (on north side), though shown on the 1900-03 engineer's map (Plate LXXII) as south of this fence and/^{property} boundary line. The site cannot be seen from any road, and was not reliably located at the time of the 9/81 field inspection, although the entire line between Nos. ----(218) and ----(220) was walked.

As with most stoney farmed fields, stones are/^{tossed or} piled along fence lines. None fit the descriptions above or paced distance from No. ----(220).

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon cairns)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) boundary surveying

Specific dates 1767 (survey) 1787 (mound site) ~~1900-03~~ SURVEYORS: Charles Mason and
Jeremiah Dixon

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Until this mound site is found or reestablished through a civil engineer's resurvey of this part of the Mason-Dixon Line, the significance of this unmarked site is negligible. It was believed by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary to have marked the 194th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Never monumented, it is presently believed decimated since the 1950 field inspection of the Maryland-Pennsylvania portion of this Line.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle scale 1:24000
series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974 NOTE: site not shown on quad
UTM References (approx.) do NOT complete UTM references (see Resurvey plates LXXI & LXXII)A

1	2	6	3	3	4	3	9	7
Zone			Easting			Northing		

B

Zone			Easting			Northing		

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Garrett codestate Pennsylvania code county Fayette. code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)organization Maryland Historical Trust andMaryland Geological Surveydate 9/5 & 7/81 (site surveyed)street & number 14308 Mount Avenuetelephone (301) 472-2128city or town Phoenixstate Maryland 21131

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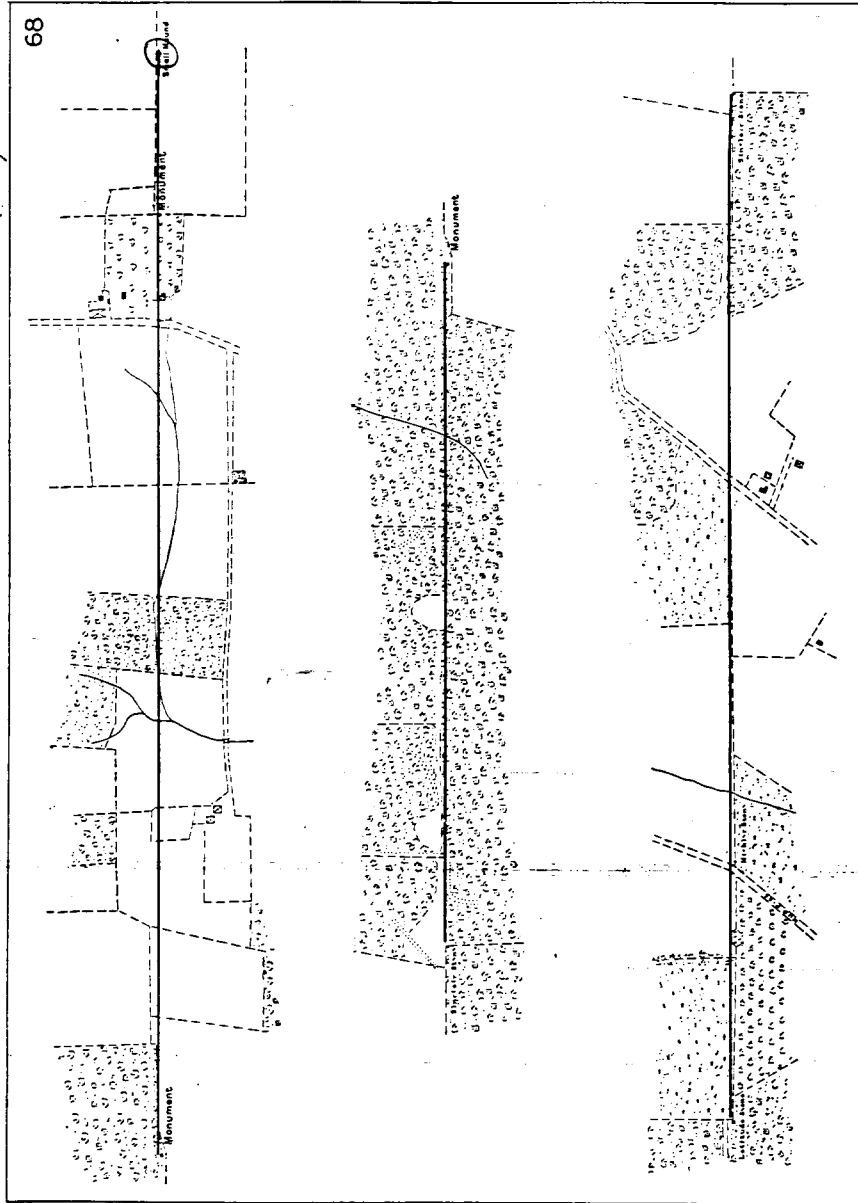
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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. —(219)

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXXII.

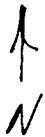


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SCALE: 1" = 1000'

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, VOL. VII. BALTIMORE: JOHN'S HOPKINS PRESS, 1908.

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE NO. --- (219)



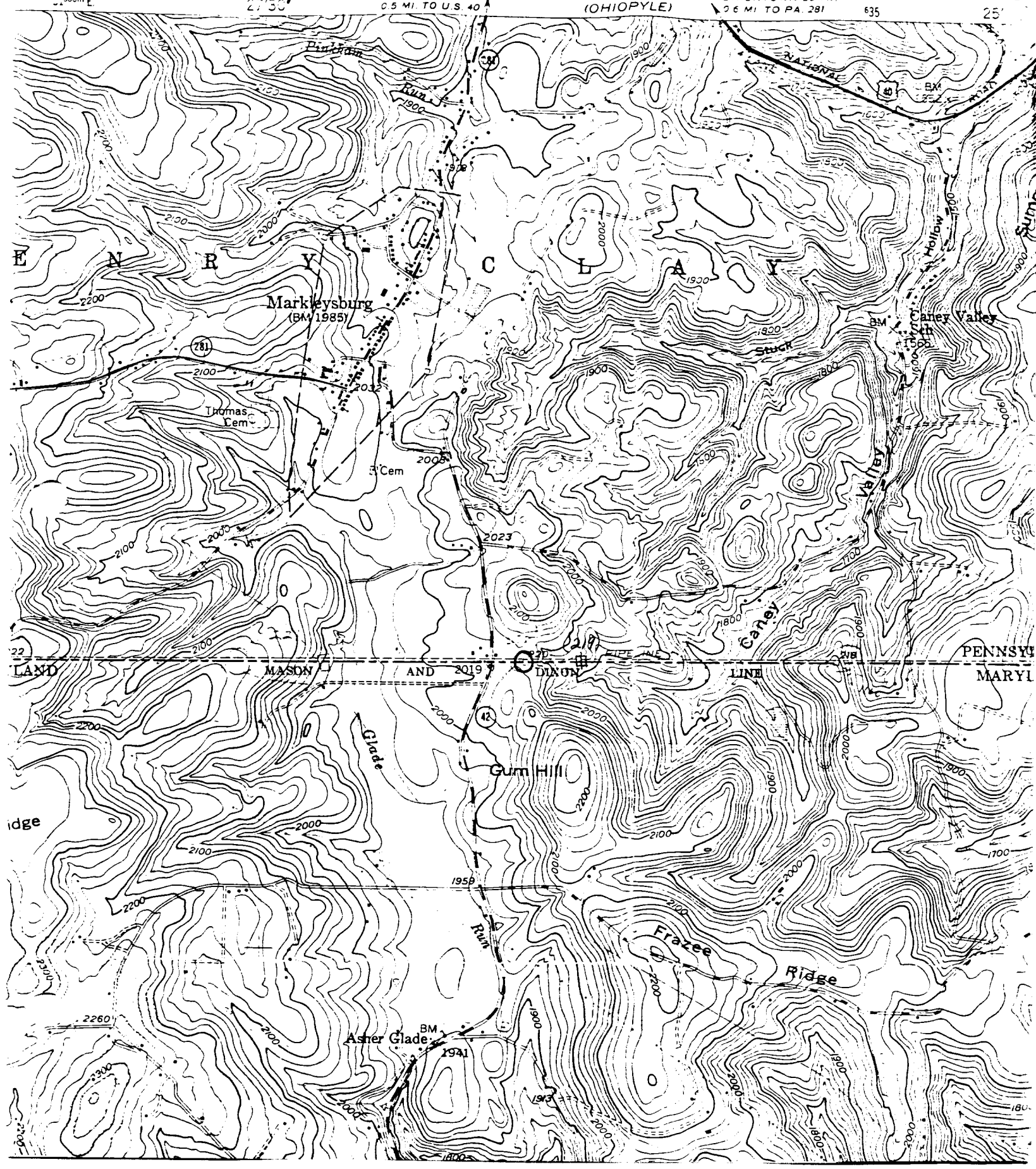
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 MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA
 USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 1947 PHOTO REV. 1974
 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

STATE OF MARYLAND
 MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

SOMERSET 32 MI.
 0.5 MI. TO U.S. 40
 5163 IV SW
 (OHIOPYLE)

UNIONTOWN 23 MI.
 2.6 MI. TO PA. 281





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MARYLAND WESTLINE: MILESTONE - (219)

SMALL MOUND OF STONES ONLY "WITH CHERRY TREE GROWN
IN IT" REFERENCE LINE BELIEVED TO MARK MID 1971
MILE DIST. (ACCORDING TO 1962 RESURVEY)

NOTE: THIS SITE TIES WITH PACING FROM (220) + RESURVEY MAPS
(DESCRIPTION)

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